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**DALLAS (August 10, 2017)** - U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt capped off his week-long state swing in Texas today, marking his 10th state visit in four weeks as part of EPA's state action tour. For his first stop, Administrator Pruitt toured Toyota's new headquarters in Plano.

"EPA is always interested in seeing environmentally-friendly business practices first hand," **said EPA Administrator Pruitt.** "We celebrate companies who incorporate innovative and sustainable business practices into their growing companies."

"We were pleased to show Administrator Pruitt our new headquarters in Plano, TX and to highlight the environmental sustainability aspects of the new facility, **said Chris Reynolds, Executive Vice President, Toyota Motor North America.** "Toyota previously announced it will invest \$10 billion over the next five years in the U.S., and the new headquarters is just one of those commitments to help grow American jobs. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase our new Plano headquarters where we will soon have 4,000 team members working in a more collaborative way in order to better serve our customers."

Administrator Pruitt also met with the current and former leadership of the Dallas Builders Association while he was in Texas to discuss environmental issues around developing new projects in the North Texas area.

"We feel like it is important for us to get out, into the states and talk directly with local people and businesses about how EPA regulations affect them. What we are hearing is that people deeply care about the environment and want sensible regulations that allow them to grow their businesses and create local jobs, without unnecessarily and costly regulatory burdens," **said Administrator Pruitt.**

"The Dallas Builders Association commends EPA Administrator Pruitt for holding this roundtable in Dallas to get direct feedback from home builders and developers who are affected by burdensome regulations that raise the cost of housing and harm small businesses," **said Dallas BA President Michael Turner.** "The nation's home builders support the administrator's efforts to enact a revised waters of the U.S. rule that will protect the environment without adding unnecessary regulatory burdens that will hurt housing and other industries in Texas that rely on a predictable permitting process."

Earlier today, Administrator Pruitt joined WBAP Morning News. The interview can be heard here:

<http://www.wbap.com/2017/08/10/morning-news-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-interview/>

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (second from left) speaks with Toyota's Tom Stricker (left), Chris Reynolds (second from right), and Doug Beebe (right).

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (right) tours Toyota in Plano, Texas with Toyota's Tom Stricker (left), Doug Beebe (second from left), and Kevin Butt (right).

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt greets members of the Dallas Builders Association.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt addresses the Dallas Builders Association.

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